

PREDICTING MOVIE
REVENUE USING
REGRESSION

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Objective

• To predict movie gross revenue based on past movies and corresponding data points collected from box office mojo

Why?

• New film company DDT wants to know what type of movie they should film next?

Target vs. Features



DOMESTIC GROSS REVENUE



MOVIE RUN TIME, WIDEST THEATRE RELEASE, GENRE, MPAA RATING

Methods

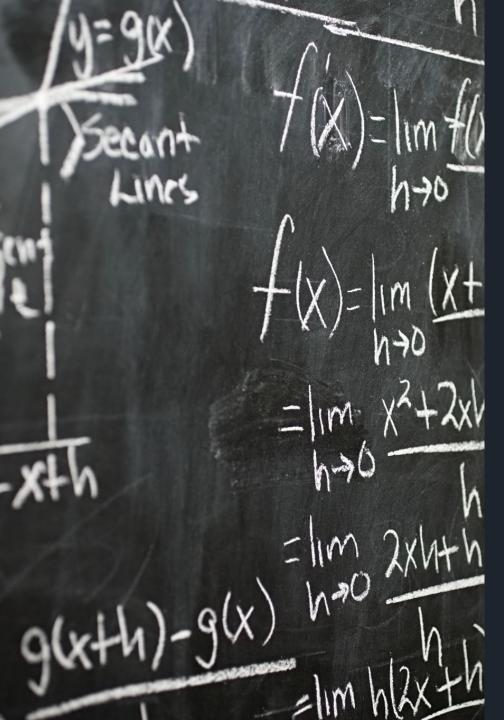
 Feature engineering to convert categorical data into binominal dummy sets

• Test for best fit model:

Linear regression

Ridge regression

Polynomial regression degree 2



Results

Train/test split (R^2)

Linear Regression = 0.302

Ridge Regression = 0.302

Polynomial Regression = 0.507

K-Fold Cross Validation (R^2)

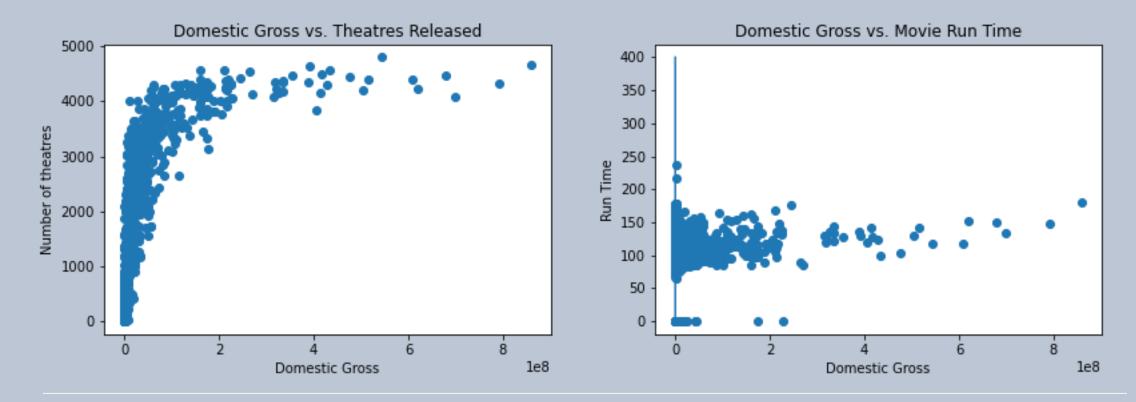
Linear Regression = 0.3808

Ridge Regression = 0.3814

Polynomial Regression = 0.3808

Results

- Correlation indicated [widest release theatres] with highest relationship (0.61)
- Interested to see the relationship with movie run time



Conclusion

- Best fit model is ridge regression
- Final score \rightarrow 0.302
- Very low R^2, and it means roughly 30% of the domestic gross revenue's variance can be explained by the features I selected

Therefore

Not confident my model can predict an accurate gross revenue for DDT



Add more engineered features than just genre and MPAA rating



Explore other features like release date/seasons

Future



Play with other types of models & train/validate/test combinations

Questions?